Streets and Shops Were Crowded With People Last Night.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS WENT OUT

Lamps and Candles Had to be Used at Busy Hour-Two

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Christmas started with a whoop and a shout, and the merry laughter of hundreds of shoppers added to the brightness

The stores did a rushing business last night, and when the mystic hour arrived when Santa Claus is supposed to appear the shops presented dilapidated appearances, for the old Stint had been liberal in his purchases.

DARKNESS FOR AWHILE.

About 8 o'clock last night, while bus-iness was at its height, there came a sudden darkness, for all the incandescent electric lights went out. Many of the merchants depended entirely upon the electric lights, and they found themselves in a predicament. Lamps and candles were brought into use.

were brought into use.

The cause of the failure of the electric lights was a broken wire. The Passenser and Power Company went to work at once to remedy the matter, and at about an hour later the lights once more begined.

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FOUGHT ANOTHER PRISONER.
Early yesterday morning James Nunnally and George Mistead got into a scrap on Huli Street. Sergeant Wright and Officer Weymouth went to the scene and put the two men under arrest. Mistead was taken by Policeman Waymack and Sergeant Wright had Nunnally.

As they were being taken to the police station Nunnally several times made a break for Mistead. He was warned by the policemen to stop interfering with them in the discharge of their duty, but he paid little attention to them. Finally, in the pursuit of his duty, Sergeant Wright tapped Nunnally over the head with his club, inflicting a scalp wound. He had been became quiet and discontinued his attacks upon Milstead. Foth men were bailed for their appearance in the Police Court to-morrow.

Emmett Blunt was also arrested on the charge of aiding and abetting Mr. Nunnally in assaulting Milstead.

ROW LAST NIGHT.

W. E. Fisherty, a visitor in the city, suffered an assault at Day's bar-room last night. As the result of the assault, Isaac Kahn, Ira Ellis and Charles O'Connor were arrested on the charge of beating Flaherty.

There was considerable excitement in

There was considerable excitement in the neighborhood at the time, and it was reported that a man had been killed. Flaherty was merely knocked down and jumped on, and his injuries are not conwas considerable excitement in sidered at all serious.

Several parties were arrested for drunkenness last night.

Grunkenness last night.

MARRIAGE CEREMONIES.

Mr. John R. Wilmouth, of Mecklenburg, and Miss Mattle Lee Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, were married at the home of the bride last night. Miss Louise Clayton, of Richmond, and Mr. E. G. Weymouth, of Manchester, were married in Washington Wednesday. They will live at No. 504 West Firteenth Street, after a northern trip. FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral of Mrs. Dora O'Connor will be from Sacred Heart Church, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, The burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

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The funeral of Miss Belle Ferguson was from Sacred Heart Church at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The burial was in Mount Cavalry, Richmond.

The funeral of Mrs. Alice A. Alvis took place Wednesday afternoon, and the burial was in Maury Cemetery.

PERSONAL AND NOTES.

The postoffice will be open from 10 to 11 o'clock this morning. The carriers will make their morning delivery and collection.

The stewards' room of Central Metho-

dist Church will be open from 10 to 12 o'clock to-day to receive donations for the

Mr. W. J. Corrisett has been chosen chorister of the Sunday school of Bainbridge Street Church.

Mrs. Thomas R. Wilson, of Washington, is visiting her father, Mr. W. B. Taylor, of Swansboro.

Misses Mary Emma and Etta Gill are

Misses Mary, Emma and Etta Gill are spending the holidays at Raleigh. Morris Rush, of High Point, is visiting his parents at No. 1717 McDonough Street. Miss Mattie Jenkins, of Danville, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Fowlkes,

APPOMATTOX DAM.

Farmers Fear Backwater Will Make It Unhealthy.

Make It Unhealthy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTER, VA., December 24.—Mr. T.

B. Booth and Mr. Charles D. Stephens, of Dinwiddle county, were in the village this week. They live near the power dam being now constructed above Petersburg, and their farms, they say, will be affected by the damming of the river, and are of opinion that the backing of the water into the creeks and valleys, will be the cause of making the country adjacent unhealthy. They may be forced to take some legal action for damages.

The dam, they say, will be an immense affair, and will furnish power sufficient for twice the needs of Petersburg and the electric, roads.

Mr. Linwood ofnes, son of Mr. C. C. Jones, who has been a long while West, is in the village visiting his parents.

The Farmville and Powhatan Railroad has completed a strong bridge over the Coast Line and arranged it for a double track for the Coast Line underneath.

Mr. Thomas R. Friend, who recently lost his dwelling by fire, has purchased a new house of Mr. Woody, near by, and will move it to his old site soon, a distance of about 1,500 yards.

CAPE CHARLES AFFAIRS.

Successful Amateurs-People Re-



A Merry Xmas

To Our Many Friends and Patrons.

Pettit & Company



in the Senate. The Eastern and Western Shore representatives are being warmly praised for the able fight they made against the bill.

E. J. Sharpley, manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office here, has been promoted and transferred to Tailahassee, Fla.

The drama, "Because I Love You," which was so well rendered in Parsons Opera House by local tailent on the 14th, will be repeated in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall at Eastville, January 5th, for the benefit of Cape Charles Fire Company.

The new county and district officers elected in November, who will go into office January 1st, are F. Tucker Wilkins, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Charles H. Savage, commissioner of revenue. The old County court will be abolished by the new Constitution and the new Circuit Courts substituted, with Hon. J. W. G. Blackstone as the presiding judge, Hon. G. S. Kendall, the retiring county judge, and Mr. Othe F. Mears, who veactes the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, declining re-election, had been in the service of the county for a number of years.

Mr. Savage, who vacates the office of city sorgeant of Cape Charles, will be succeeded by Mr. James D. Taylor, who was recently elected by the City Council. Several large new passenger engines ordered from the Baldwin Locamotive Works, of Philadelphia, by the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway, are expected here shortly, and will be a valuable addition to the company's already large amount of rolling stock, Business, both freight and passenger, is steadily increasing on the N. Y., P. and N., and now engines and cars are almost constantly required.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Dr. Conway to Publish Memoirs, John P. Kennedy to Lecture. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 24 .-Commencing to-morrow, December 25th, he steamers of the Weems Line, plying between this city and Baltimore and the between this city and Isattimore and the wharves along the Rappahannock River, will leave this city on Monday and Fridays at 2 o'clock P. M., instead of 6 o'clock A. M. on those days, as hereto-fore This change is a very desirable one for Fredericksburg, as it will give buyers a longer time in the city between the arrival and departure of the steamers and the merchants more time to ship freight.

The travel on this line is now very heavy. The Caroline will continue her regular schedule between this city and

ubanna. Mr. Warner Kent, of Spotsylvania

Mr. Warner Kent, of Spotsylvania county, who is now about ninety-four years old, is still fale and hearty and tomerkably active for a man of that advanced age.

Dr. Moneurs, D. Conway, formerly of this city, and brother of Mr. P. D. C. Conway, president of the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank here, has written his memoirs and will soon publish them. The book will probably be entitled "Autobiography; Memories, Travels and Experiences of Moneure Daniel Conway."

Dr. Conway now spends most of his time in New York and London.

State Librarian John P. Kennedy will deliver a course of lectures at Bowling Gram, Caroline county, during the winter. The subject will be "The Library in the United States; its Growth, Management, etc."

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Mr. Lucian R. Colbert, of Spotsylvania county, has sold a magnificent pair of buck horses of his own raising to a party in one of the large cities for a big price.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lefoe have sent out invitations for the celebration of their silv a wedding at Moss Neck, their home in Curoline county, on Wodnesday, December 30th, from 6 to 12 P. M. Mr. and Mrs. Lefoe are noted for their hosmanity.

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Dr. B. T. Jett, of Falmouth, who has been taking the post-graduate course in New York, has returned, and will resume his practice here.

Mrs. Nanule S. Harney returned to-day from Richmond, where she was called by the extreme illness of her daughter, Miss Estier N. Barney. She was accom-pauled by Miss Barney, who is now very

FUSILADE BETWEEN **BROTHERS-IN-LAW**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MT. JACKSON, VA., Dec. 24.—During
a shooting affray, which occurred at the
toll gate near Rinkerton, Shenandoah,
ouaty, J. W. Hepner, a commissioner of
cyonue of Ashby District, shot and selously wounded his brother-in-law, John

revenue of Ashby District, shot and servicusly wounded his brother-in-law, John 13. Schothern.

In all ten shots were exchanged at close range, and they were separated with difficulty. It is claimed that Hepner shot in self-defense. Ho was arrested and given a hearing to-day.

joice Over Failure Jordan Bill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CAPE CHARLES, VA., December 24.This has been the best season the merchants here have ever experienced. The people seem to have plenty of cash and are spending it liberally.

The greatest social importance is attached to the hop given in Parsons Opera House to-night by the young gentlemen of the town.

Work on the Cape Charles sewer system will begin January 18th, and is expected to be completed by April 1st. Large auantities of pipe for the sewers have already been distributed.

The stockholders of The Times Publishing Company have declared a dividend of ten per cost. on the capital stock.

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SHE WALKED HERE **FROM TAYLORS VILLE**

Comely Young Woman Spent a Night in the Woods-On Her Way to Lynchburg.

Howard yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock and said she had just arrived over the 'pike from Taylorsville.

She said she was on her way home

over the pike from Taylorsville.

She said she was on her way home to Lynchburg, and humbly asked the chief to assist her on her way.

His big heart melted at her tale, and he sat down at his desk and wrote an appeal to the Chesapeake and Ohio officials, urging them to give the young woman a pass to Lynchburg.

Miss Harrison said she had been employed as housekeeper for a farmor at Taylorsville; had been there for about a year, but that she could get none of the money due her, and left, with the intention of walking all the way home to Lynchburg. If necessary.

"I left Taylorsville on Monday," she said, "and walked all the way to Richmond. Monday night I spent at a home on the road, but Tuesday night there was no home in sight, and, oh, I was so tired. I went off the road into a piece of woods, built a fire, and sat there all night, half frozen and hungry. Next morning I started off again. I suffered torture with my feet, and felt I could not go another mile. Wednesday night I was accommodated by kind people at a house not far from Richmond.

"Not once on the whole trip was I interfered with or bothered by any one, and I received the best treatment from those who helped me,"

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those who helped me."
She first went to the Second Station sne, first went to the Second Station when she got to Richmond. There she was treated kindly. She was too late to see the railroad people yesterday evening, and then she sank out of public view. The chances are she will get her ticket home this morning.

AMHERST COURT.

Colored Boy Acquitted of Charge

Colored Boy Acquitted of Charge
of Forgery—Amherst Dry.
(Special to The Times-Disp.g.ch.)
AMHERST, VA., Dec. 24.—The last
term of the County Court for the year
1003 was beld here this week by Judge
J. M. White. A very large crowd was
in attendance Monday, what is always
expected at December term. The crowd
in the main was sober and orderly, Amherst being now a dry town.
A negro boy was tried for forging his
employer's name to an order, but was
acquitted. One little civil case was tried,
one will probated—that of P. D. Burford,
deceased—A. H. Turner qualifying as his
executor, and gave bond in the penalty
of \$1.200. C. J. Campbell qualified as
notary public.
A great many motions were made relative to changing and opening the public
roads in different sections of the county,
which filled many pages on the order
book

The Clarksville Burglary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CLARKSVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—Upon a further investigation, the postmaster finds that more was taken than at first finds that more was taken than at first supposed. The actual loss is between forty-five and fifty dollars. At first it was thought no stamps were taken, but it turns out that a considerable amount of stamps, from five cents up, was taken, together with a number of stamp books, altogether reaching the amount stated above. There is no clue whatever to the perpetrators of this bold robbery,

At Hollins.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HOLLINS, VA., Dec. 21.—A large number of the Hollins' girls and teachers have left for the hollidays. Of the teachers, Miss Cheatham will spend her Christims as the guest of Miss Nannte Willis, in Fredericksburg: Professor P. V. Duke and wife will visit relatives in Richmond; Miss Kudd will divide ber time between richmond and Fewhatan.

Christmas morning there will be a service in the Hollins chapel, when Rev. Dr. George Braxton Taylor will preach.

Chamblin—Ferguson.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEEBBURG, VA., Dec. 24.—Miss Bertin Ferguson, the attractive daughter of Air. Emery Ferguson, of Airmont, Va., and Mr. John R. Chambila, son of R. C. Chambila, Esa., a well known citzen of the county, were married yesterday at 2 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father. After a recoption tendered the bridal party, Mr. and Mrs. Chambin left for a bridal tour to Eastern cities.

PEACE MAY BE SECURED

Intimation Reaches Berlin That Russia Will Concede Japan's

GREAT BRITAIN TAKES STAND

Said to Have Represented to Czar That She Considers Japan's Demands Entirely Just.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.-An intimation has Russia will concede Japan's requests. as to particulars of this intimation, whether it came from Tokio or St. Petersburg, brought out nothing more than that a peaceful solution is now highly probable. The British government, it is understood from another source, has repdeerns Japan's demands just, and earn-This representation is supported by the utterances of the British ambussadors here and in Paris and Vienna, who have informed the respective govern-Japon, in the opinion of the British government, will fight if Russia holds to the position taken in her recent note. The Russian ambassador here has for several days been inquiring freely what the opmons of the diplomatic corps are.

Conference of Japanese Officers.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegraph Company from Toklo, says Pemier Katsura and War Minister Terauchi visited the Marquis Ito, president of the privy council, and the Marquis Yamagata, chief of the council of field marshals, at their villas to-day, two hours distant by rail from Toklo. The meetings are believed to have been connected with important developments in the Russian-Japanese situation. The minister returned to Toklo this evening. The Japanese press is urging the immediate dispatch of troops to Corea, where, it is asserted, Japanese interests are menaced by Russian military pressure in the north and Russian intrigues at Seoul. The impression is growing in the best informed circles that the adoption of such a policy is now inevitable. Conference of Japanese Officers.

Hopefulness Is Felt.

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(By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 24.—The hopefulness in official circles of a pacific settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute was reflected to-day on the Bourse, which largely recovered from the nervousness which had prevaited for several days. The Russian newspapers are displaying the liveliest irritation at the British press whose anti-Russian attitude in the present Russo-Japanese dispute has aroused, even greater animosity against Great Britain than exists against Japan.

American Warships to Corea.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24,—
At the request of the State Department
Secretary Moody to-day sent a cablegram
to Rear-Admiral Sterling, commanding
the Asiatic squadron, to dispatch a warship to Chemulpo, Corea, to protect Amerlean interests there.

AFTER GREENE'S STOCK.

Suit to Sequestrate N. and W. Shares for Benefit Government.

(By Associated Press.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 24.—A suit in equity has been instituted in the United States Circuit Court here to subject the stock of the Norfolk and West-United States Circuit Court here to subject the stock of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, standing in the name of L. Laflin Kellogs, of New York, who is alleged to be in reality the attorney for and trustee of Benjamin D. Greene, a citzon of Connecticut, temporarily residing in the city of Quebec, "to payment of domands alleged to be due the government of the United States."

The allegation is that Oberlin M. Carter, Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor conspired to defraud and did defraud the United States, and that a portion of Greene's share of the spoils was invested in the name of Kellogg in some 400 shares of common stock of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. The object of the suit is to enjoin the transfer of the stock and to sequestrate it for the benefit of the government. the benefit of the gove temporary injunction it for the benefit A ter granted.

OLYMPIA MILLS.

Petition for a Receiver Again in

the United States Court. the United States Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

(HARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—Before the United States Circuit Court the arguments in the Phinizey suit against the Olympia Cotton Mills for the appointment of a receiver were closed to-day and the case taken under advisement by Judges Simonton and Brawley.

The court gave no intimation as to when a decision will be rendered.

NEW TRIAL **FORDREYFUS**

change of testimony to the part of some of the witnesses before the court-martial, which entirely reversed the view as to the guilt of Dreyfus, brought about the decision of the commission to refer the case for retrial to a civil tribune.

WHAT THE SUBMISSION MEANS.
The submission of the question of revision to a commission is considered in France as a tactful move on the part of the government to obtain judicial support for its favorable attitude toward Dreyfus. Immediately upon the receipt of the report of the commission the government will transfer all the documents in the case to the procureaur-general of the court of cassation. These documents include the modified testimony of M. Gribetin, the principal archivist of the headquarters staff, who, at the courtmartial at Rennes, testified that hel to-lieved Dreyfus was guilty of treason, but who has now altered his evidence so as to throw the blame upon Colonel Henry. At the home of the former Captain Dreyfus, the decision was fully expected, and preparations are now being made to convince the court of his innocence.

TELEPHONE MERGER.

All the State Departments Closed Until Monday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Capital
City Telephone Company was chartered City Telephone Company was chartered to-day to effect a merger of the Intersiate and the Bell Telephone Exchanges of this city. Capital authorized is \$200,000. The incorporators are W. T. Gentry; D. I. Carson, J. W. Crews, Hunt Chilley, Of Atlanta, on the part of the Southern Bell Company, and J. S. Carr, L. A. Parr and W. W. Watts on the part of the Interstate Company.

The merger will be effected December 28th. This is the only point at which there will be such a deal, the Bell Company taking over the Interstate exchanges at all other points excent Durham, where the Interstate is left in control of the Bell.

field.
All State departments at the State api-tol closed this afternoon and will not re-open till Monday.

Danville Tobacco Market.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—Following
is the review of the Danville market for
the week by Messrs. Dibrell Brothers:
The three days' sales of this week have
been very small and uninteresting. Monday we had a very good sale, which
lasted several hours, but yesterday and
to-day they amounted to little or nothing.
Prices were firm and showed no change
from last week. There is nothing doin
to thoucon circles this week, as the sales
will be suspended for the holidays from
to-day to the 4th proxime. Most of the
factories and leaf establishments will be
closed for the next ten days or two
weeks.

War Veteran in Trouble. (Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
SUFFC-C, VA., Dec. 24.—Charged with
embezzing \$55 from Dr. Bennett, of Norrolk, William Q. Folk, a vateran of the
Spanish War, this afternoon was arrested
in Nansemond county. Folk was locked
up, but later the shoringe was made good
and on prisoner treed.
Folk was alleged to have collected and
misappropriated Dr. Benney's rents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, VA., Dec. 24.—Mr. Frank I.
Griffith, of Shenandoan City, this county,
and Miss Blanche V. Eppord, of the same section, two prominent young people of
the southern and of this county, were married at the home, of the bride's father,
near No. 3 furnace, to-day, Rev. J. W.
Joilett, of the Methodist Church, official-

McKee-Keiter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 24.—Miss Kathryn Maude, daughter of Charles F. Kathryn Maude, daughter of Charles F. Kathryn Maude, Daughter of Charles F. Keiter, of Columbus, Ohio, uncle of the bride, at "Elm Shade" on Applepte Ridge, at noon vednesday. The bride wore a gown of white chiffon. Mrs. Alyce Byers, of Repon, W. Va., played the wedding march. Miss Luin McKee, sister of the groom was maid of honor, and Miss Nellie wright, cousin of the bride, was bridesmald. The couple left on a wedding tour.

Anderson-Russell.

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(Special to The Times Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 24.—Miss Ma.
ri. Elizabeth, daughter of Bennett Russell, a prominent county farmer, and
Robert Warren Anderson were married
by Rev. J. Ryland Murdock last Tuesday
morning. The groom's father was one of
the ploneer fruit culturists of this county.
The attendants at the ceremony were
Miss Georgia Wierman and Eugene Russell, brother of the bride.

Broke His Leg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
OSBORN'S GAP, VA., Dec. 24.—Richard
White, about sixty, of near this place,
had his left leg broken by a tram car
on Camp Creek a day or two since, Mr.
White was in the employment of a lumber company, and was operating the car.

Richmonders in New York. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—St. Denis, W. J Hubbard and wife.

COTTON MARKET IS VERY IRREGULAR

Despite Very Heavy Liquidation, Close is Net Sixteen Points Higher.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Early trading in cotton was very active again to-day.

with fluctuations very irregular, al though, generally speaking, there was a good undercurrent of bullishness as a result of rather better cables than ex-

FORDREYFUS

(Continued from First Page.)

Sation.

MAY BE VINDICATED.

The court will assemble next menth and Dreyfus will then have full opportunity to make a complete exposition of the wrongs he has suffered. The former capinin as a result of this new trial, expects to obtain a full and complete vindication followed by restoration to his rank in decision this evening, there were few persons outside the Ministry of Justice, where the sittings of the commission were held, indicating that the interest of Parisians in the caue is not as keen as it than been in the past.

Dreyfus received news of the commission were held, indicating that the interest of Parisians in though personal friends, who extended to him their carnest congratulations upon his victory.

There was absolute unanimity among the members of the commission. One member asserted that upon the facts presented, as the result of investigation made by Capitain Targe, an officer on the staff of War Minister Andre, another revision of the cuse was made possible. The details in the report of the commission have not been made public, but it is stated generally that the production of avidence which had not been submitted to the court-murical at Rennes and the

EXTENDING to all alike our sincere wish that their Christmas may be a merry one, and that their home may be blessed with

The Cable Company, 213 East Broad Street, J. G. CORLEY, Mgr.

all the good things to

make complete this

glorious Christmas time.

WALKED INTO THE TRAP

Decoy Letter Catches the Man Who Blackmailed Prominent Financiers.

FIFTY THOUSAND IS ASKED

Lea R. Brennan, a Commercial Artist, the Man Who Sent Threatening Letters.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- The source of the mysterious letters demanding large sums

of money, which for the past six months, have been received by men high in the was to-day traced to Leo R. Brennan, a commercial artist, of Chicago, and the oung man was placed under arrest as he was leaving the general postoffice, where he had gone in answer to a decoy

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where he had gone in answer to a decoy letter.

When confronted with the avidence of his wrong-doing, Brennan confessed to having attempted to enforce a dozen demands for sums of \$25,000 and \$50,000 and having threatened his intended victims with death should they refuse to comply with his demands for money.

In his confession, Brennan declared that all his attempts to extort money had been futile, as he never received a dollar in answer to any of his requests.

The New York financiers of whom Brennan demanded money, were J. Pierpent Morgan, John D. Reckefeller, James Silliman and Andrew Carnegie. Of each of these men he demanded \$50,000 in his first letter and on receiving no replies, it is said reduced the amount demanded to \$25,000. Among those in Chicago upon whom Brennan attempted to levy tribute were Marshall Field, R. T. Crane, J. Og. den Armour and G. F. Swift. None of the Chicago men was asked for more than \$25,000. Among those in Chicago upon wroten \$25,000 he neath a pillar of a porch at the latter's home. No attention was paid to the letter by Mr. Field to leave \$25,000 beneath a pillar of a porch at the latter's home. No attention was paid to the letter by Mr. Field until another in which the veiled threets in the first letter were made plainer, was received from Brennan. In the second letter Brennan demanded that the money be mailed. Mr. Field the placed the matter in the hands of a detective agency.

A few days ago, a decoy letter was sent to Brennan, telling him that his demand upon Mr. Field would be acceded to. Then a package was prepared and addressed to "Craig" to be delivered at the regulatory for the process of the postoffice.

THE TRAP SPRUNG.

istered letter department of the general postofiles.

THE TRAP SPRUNG.

Brennan fell into the trap and to-day called at the postofilee, asked for and was given the package, signing the receipt Brennan with a pleasant smile on his face, turned to walk away but walked into the arms of four detectives, who had been watching the proceedings.

No formal charge was entered against Brennan to-night, but it was said he will be held for action of the Federal authorities.

RIDER SUSPENDED.

Higginson Penalized for Crowd-

Higginson Penalized for Crowding Others Out.

(By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Pariesenne and Colouel Tyler were the winning favorites to-day. In the third race Higginson once more crowded Melster Singer into the fence and was suspended for three days for foul riding. Radford, in the same race, excited the suspicion of the stewards, who thought him under the influence of drugs, and they ordered the refusal of all entries from the stable of J. J. Glimore, his owner. Summaries: First race—six furiongs—Pariesenne (7 to 10) first, Dusky (8 to 1) second, Miss Hume (8 to 1) third. Time 118 4-5.

Second race—selling; mile—Bud Embry (4 to 1) first, The Regent (15 to 5) second. Sarah Maxim (13 to 5) third. Time, 1:40 2-5.

Third race—one mile—Colonel Tyler (7 to 2) first, One More (4 to 1) second, Radford (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:42 9-5.

Fourth race—two year-olds; selling; six furlongs—Aggie Leads (3 to 1) first, As ness Brennan (7 to 1) second, Julia Si. (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:43 2-5.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Sadducese (3 to 1) first, Jim A. Long (100 to 1) second, New York (11 to 5) third. Time, 1:04 4-5.

Sixth race—two-year-olds; six furlongs—Wreath of try (3 to 1) first, Footlights Favorite (11 to 5) second, Allegreite (20 to 1) third, Time, 1:14.

Cut on Small Provocation.

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WINCHESTER, VA., Dac. Ri-Because
she refused to sell him some meat, Heary

Bath County Officers.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
WARM SPRINGS, VA., Dec. 24—The
following officers have appeared before
the town cierk and qualified for the term
boginning January 1st, 1904; John E. Gum,
sheriff; James M. Douglass, treasurer
H. H. Byrd, Commonwealth's attorney,
justices of the poace-W. S. Keyser, W.
H. Wallace, M. F. Watson, T. B. Cauthorn, S. W. Anderson, J. K. P. Barns
find C. O. Huff.
Commonwealth's Attorney John W. Stephenson is again able to be at his office
after an attack of the grip.

A Young Giant. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CRAH ORCHARD, VA., Dec. M.-Dr. Zion Smith, of Appalachia, was here Friday to see some sick folke and was called on by William M. Hun to visit his wife the result of which was a bouncing is pound boy Saturday night.

OBITUARY.

Robert Vaughan. After an illness of about a year, Mr. Robert Vaughan dled yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 710 North Fourth Street.
Mr. Vaughan was a well known and

Street,

Mr. Vaughan was a well known and
highly esteemed man. He was superintendent of the street car stables years
ago, when all the cars here were propelled by mule power. He served in the
Confederate army as a member of the
Twenty-fourth Virginia regiment. He
was a member of Lee Camp, Confederate
Valence.

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The funeral will take place to-morrow and the following detail from Lee Camp had will attend, meeting at the camp had had an hour before the time set:

Commander James Power Smith, Major John W. Johnston. Mr. John M. Gordon, Dr. T. E. Stratton, Messrs. J. Shelby Van Horn, James T. Gray, W. E. Moore and John M. Warren.

'Mrs. Annie Barrett.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)

DURAY, VA., Dec. 24.—Information was
received in Luray to-day of the death in
Camden, N. J., last night of Mrs. Annie
Barrett, a former resident of this place,
and who was born near Rileyville, Page
county, about sixty years ago, Mrs. Barrett was a daughtor of the late John
Presgraves and a sister of Messrs. Thomrett was a daughtor of the late John
Presgraves and a sister of Mrs. Thomlive near Rileyville, and of Mr. James
Presgraves, of Bultimore.

Bin was also a sister of Mrs. F. H.
Townsond, of Philadelphia.

The interment will take place in Green
ville cemetry, Luray, on Saturday morn,
ing.

Joseph Stickney.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TETTINGTON, VA., Dec. 24.—The sad intelligence is received here that Mr. Joseph Stickney died suddenly at his home in New York city on the list instant, and will be interred at Concerd, N. H., to-day.
Commodere Stickney was made to the concerd.

stant, and will be interred at Concord.

N. H., to-day.

Commodore Stickney was well and facversely known along the Ja is River,
and for eighteen years prior to 1853 to
made annual visits here in his magnificent yacht, the Susquehanna. He was a
very successful business man, and was
lernely interested in railroads and coal
operations.

Miss Blanche Martin.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 34.—Miss Blanche
Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C.
Martin, died this morning from typholo
fever, aged twenty-four years. She was
a native of Franklin county, and her remains will be taken there for interment
W. L. Graham.

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(Special to The Thues-Dispatch.)

BEDFORD CITY. VA. Dec. 24.—Me.

W. L. Graham died here at 1 o'clock foday at his residence on East Main Street
after a dreadful liness from pneumonia.

He contracted cold from fating into an
ice pond while handling ice three days
ago. He was storckeeper at People's
Alliance warehouse, and carried mail between the postoffice and the depot.

Fig was forty-nine years old, and a
highly respected citizen.

Josiah Leedy.

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(Sneetal to The Times-Dispatch.)

WYTHDVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—Josiah
Leedy, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this county, died last
night, aged ninety. He was the father
of seventeen children, and leaves a very
large number of descendants. The burial
will be on Saturday.

Lohn W. Lewes

will be on Saturday.

John W. James.

(Snecial to The Times Dispatch.)

CHESTER, VA., December 24.—Mr. John W. James, a war veteran, was buried near this place yesterday by Revs. A. C. Jordan and Dr. A. Bagby, of Richmond. Mr. James formerly was from Petersburg. Va. He had been a sufferer from paralysis for several weeks.

Sanford Littleton.

(By Associated Press.)

Captain Littleton.

(By Associated Press.)

KNOXYILLE, TENN., Dec. 34.—Sanford Littleton died at his home, aggs
fifty-eight. He was for four years chairman of the Board of Public Works of
Knoxyille. He was a brother of Martin
W. Littleton, president-elect of the
Borough of Brooklyn, N. 7., and alse
brother of Jesec Littleton, of Winchester,
Tenn. Funeral Notice.

O'CONNOR. The June of Mrs. DOR.
O'CONNOR will take place THIR ATT NOON AT & o'clock at Bear of High Thurs.
Mauchester. Interment at Maury Compe